

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please amend the specification as follows:**

**Page 9, the second full paragraph is amended as follows:**

In a recording apparatus 1, a separation pad 4 is abutted against a rotating paper feeding roller 2 to separate one sheet of paper from a plurality of sheets of paper P stacked on a hopper 3, where the hopper has a first portion 3a that supports the plurality of sheets of paper P in a stacking direction of the sheets, and a second portion 3b that supports the plurality of sheets of paper P in a non-stacking direction of the sheets. The separated sheet is fed to a transport roller 6 along a paper guide 5, and a skew is removed, then the sheet is sent to a record area matching the print timing. Printing is performed by reciprocating a recording head 7 mounted on a carriage 8 in a subscanning direction of the sheet. Then the sheet is discharged by a discharge roller 9.